

City of Lynchburg Police Department

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Here are the rules!

A few guidelines to make each watch group successful in 2013!

- Make sure your group meets our annual minimum requirements to maintain a successful watch group. We require at least two meetings with LPD personnel annually. (One can be the Lynchburg Night Out Against Crime).
- Your watch group must participate in some way with the Lynchburg Night Out Against Crime. (Held in September)
- Please respond each month to the RSVP email requests to let us know if your watch group is planning on meeting. We set the schedule one month in advance. If you fail to respond by the deadline date we can not guarantee LPD presence at your meeting.
- We have various crime prevention presentations available from the Crime Prevention Unit. If you would like to schedule one for your neighborhood watch meeting, just let us know.
- Try to recruit new members by spreading the word about Neighborhood Watch in your area.

The Lynchburg Police Department is online at:

<http://www.lynchburgva.gov/police>

www.facebook.com/lynchburgpolice



www.twitter.com/LynchburgPolice



Please use these resources. We keep them updated with the latest information regarding the LPD and current events.

Security Assessments

Cindy Kozerow is the Crime Prevention Specialist with the Crime Prevention Unit. She has been with the department for 16 years and is one of a small group of people in the United States that holds NCPS Level II certification.

Cindy offers Home and Business security assessments free of charge as a service of the Lynchburg Police Department.

She looks at several elements of home and business security to include: CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design), Lighting, Locks, and Alarms. Along with Cindy, Officer Campbell has completed the Crime Prevention certification and Steven Wood is working towards certification. They both can assist with the security assessments.

When the assessment is complete you'll have a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of your property.

To schedule an assessment call the Crime Prevention Unit at **455-6070** or Cindy at **455-6145**.

Neighborhood Watch Works!

Staying active in your community will help you to feel safer, and help to make your neighborhood a better place to live.

The Annual Neighborhood Watch Partnership Meeting will be Wednesday March 6th, at 6:30 PM at the Lynchburg Public Library on Memorial.

Crime Prevention Unit Staff

Lieutenant C.D. Ragland 455-6165

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Featured Neighborhood Watch Group

Seminary Hill Neighborhood Watch

The areas included in the Seminary Hill Watch area include: Tazewell Ave., part of Campbell Ave., Garfield Ave., Halifax Ave., Kelly St., Edmunds St., Otey St., Price St., Dewitt St., and Carter St.

Started by members of the community they met for several years at New Life Gospel Assembly. The watch group also covers the Virginia University of Lynchburg.

The area is named after the Lynchburg Baptist Seminary which was founded in 1886 and grew into what is now known as the Virginia University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg's oldest college. Among its graduates are renowned poet Anne Spencer.

The watch group has worked hard over the years to improve the neighborhood and works diligently to maintain it. The calls for service have been dramatically reduced thanks in part to the efforts of the watch members.

They meet regularly the 2nd Thursday of the Month at Mary Bethune Academy on Halifax Street.



Mary Bethune Academy



Virginia University of Lynchburg



Want to see your group here?
Send us your stories, photos,
and accomplishments!

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Seniors Citizens Against Crime

When you are at home:

- Use single cylinder deadbolt locks with at least a one inch throw on all exterior doors, and keep doors locked even when you're at home.
- Check the locks on your windows and sliding doors to make sure they are in good working order and locked.
- Make your home appear occupied when you are out by using lights on timers and a radio or TV for noise.
- Never let strangers in your home without checking their identification. Call to verify their identity and the company they work for.
- Install a peephole and use it to answer the door.
- If you live alone don't advertise it. Use only initials in directories. Do not put names on mailboxes.
- Get to know your neighbors, keep their numbers handy for emergencies.
- Work out a "Buddy" system in your neighborhood to check on each other daily.
- Engrave your valuables with a unique ID number. (Engravers are available from the LPD crime prevention unit - Free of Charge) Record serial numbers from electronics and keep them in a safe place.
- Don't hide house keys under a doormat, in a "Hide-a-key" rock, or in other obvious spots.

Call 911 or our non-emergency number 847-1602 if there is something suspicious going on in your neighborhood. Do not hesitate to call us, it is better for us to come out and find there was no danger than to have something really going on and for you not to call.



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